

from the amounts received in prior years, it remains inadequate for our state's considerable overall transportation needs. In the area of transit, the deficiency of funding received from Washington is much more severe, with Michigan receiving only about 50 cents for each dollar we send through taxes; and

Whereas, this shortfall will present significant problems to certain aspects of our transportation infrastructure. As discussions take place on future funding mechanisms and the next federal transportation funding bill, it is imperative that a fairer approach be developed: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the senate (the house of representatives concurring),* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to establish a minimum rate of return of 95 percent of Michigan's federal transportation funding for highway and transit programs; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-74. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan relative to the United States Coast Guard Cutter Bramble; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, Since its launch in 1943, the United States Coast Guard Cutter Bramble has served our nation in a variety of capacities. Following its six decades of service, the 180-foot buoy tender is scheduled for decommissioning in the spring of 2003; and

Whereas, The people of Port Huron, the home port of the Bramble since 1975, feel a strong sense of identity with the vessel. As a result, local citizens are working hard to make the cutter a permanent educational and historical resource of Port Huron by securing title and ownership for the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History. Members of the community have expressed a commitment to renovating the Bramble for its new role and maintaining it for the future; and

Whereas, The history of the missions undertaken by the Bramble will serve as a visible reminder of the many ways the Coast Guard serves our nation. The cutter's work during World War II, its journey through Arctic waters and the Bering Straits to the Atlantic in 1957, and its long years working to secure navigation and safety along the Great Lakes will provide invaluable lessons for visitors, especially children; and

Whereas, Legislation has been introduced in Congress to provide for the Coast Guard to convey the Bramble to the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History after decommissioning: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the senate,* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide for the United States Coast Guard to transfer ownership of the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter Bramble to the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-75. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota relative to memorializing the Congress to refrain from acquiring certain additional land for Wind Cave National Park; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1019

Whereas, the United States Congress is considering legislation to add more than 5,500 acres to Wind Cave National Park; and

Whereas, Wind Cave National Park, located in the southern Black Hills, is the location of one of the longest and most complex cave systems in the United States and includes 28,000 acres of mixed-grass prairies and pine forests that provide habitat for bison, deer, elk, and many other species; and

Whereas, the proposed addition would involve the purchase of similar adjacent, private land; and

Whereas, residents of Custer and Fall River counties by a large margin do not support the proposed purchase of additional property for Wind Cave National Park; and

Whereas, the proposed purchase would reduce property tax revenues to Custer County and the Hot Springs School District, and federal payments in lieu of taxes would not be sufficient to make up for the loss; and

Whereas, the National Park Service prohibits hunting in Wind Cave National Park and would prohibit hunting in the additional areas to be purchased, and the National Park Service does not have a strong record in the area of wildlife management; and

Whereas, the purchase price for the proposed additional acres is higher than warranted and would drive the price of land in the area beyond the reach of agricultural producers: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein,* That the South Dakota Legislature does not support the proposed purchase of additional land for an expansion of Wind Cave National Park currently under consideration by the United States Congress. The Legislature urges Congress to refrain from making the purchase and to allocate the resources intended for the purchase to more appropriate purposes.

POM-76. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Parish of Ascension of the State of Louisiana relative to establishing a national energy policy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

\*Noe Hinojosa, Jr., of Texas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

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\*Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

\*William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

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\*Alfred Plamann, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Dee D. Drell, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Richard D. Bennett, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Raul David Bejarano, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

Allen Garber, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 774. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of completed contract method of accounting in the case of certain long-term naval vessel construction contracts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 775. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to make private, nonprofit medical facilities that serve industry-specific clients eligible for hazard mitigation and disaster assistance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 776. A bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize payments to certain trusts under the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 777. A bill to amend the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve the delivery of payments under the program to local educational agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 778. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide medicare beneficiaries with a drug discount card that ensures access to affordable prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 779. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve protection of treatment works from terrorist and other harmful and intentional acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 780. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Chief Phillip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. BREAU):

S. 781. A bill to restore balance to the membership of the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina: